

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-6. (cancelled).

7. (currently amended): A method for treating myocardial infarction in a subject for which hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) is effective, comprising administering by direct ~~intra coronary~~ injection into heart muscle of a subject a therapeutically effective amount of an expression vector containing a HGF gene coding sequence.

8. (previously presented): The method of claim 7, wherein said expression vector is encapsulated in a liposome.

9. (canceled).

10. (previously presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the membrane of said liposome is fused to attenuated Sendai virus particles.

11. (previously presented): The method of claim 7, wherein said expression vector is a viral expression vector containing a HGF gene coding sequence.